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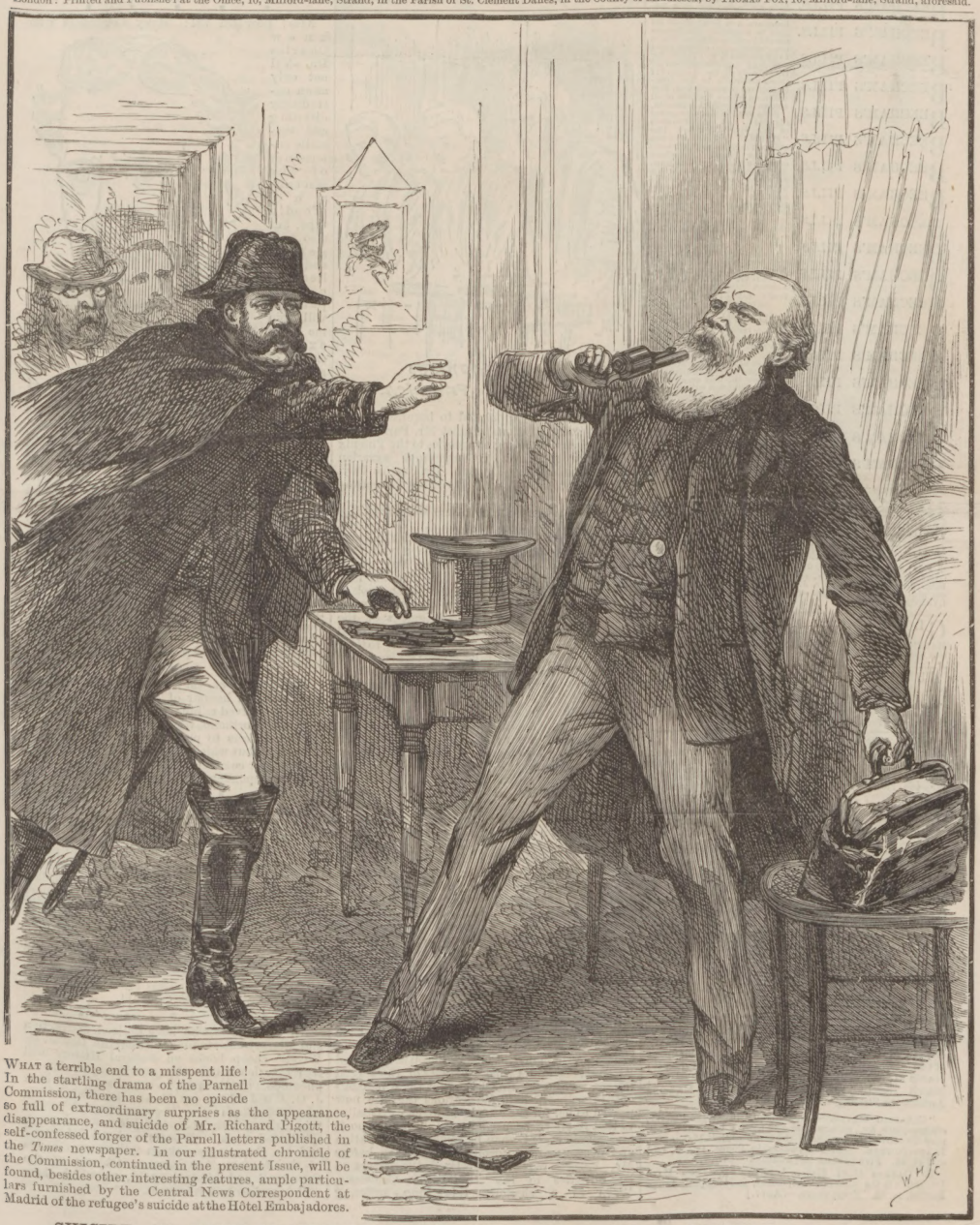

What a terrible end to a misspent life! In the startling drama of the Parnell Commission, there has been no episode so full of extraordinary surprises as the appearance, disappearance, and suicide of Mr. Richard Pigott, the self-confessed forger of the Parnell letters published in the *Times* newspaper. In our illustrated chronicle of the Commission, continued in the present Issue, will be found, besides other interesting features, ample particulars furnished by the Central News Correspondent at Madrid of the refugee's suicide at the Hôtel Embajadores.

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MR. TOOLE.

BEARING with him the sympathetic condolence of all who know him, Mr. Toole left London on Saturday last for Paris, en route for Nice, accompanied by his friends Mr. Edmund Routledge and Mr. Billington. He will, after a few weeks of rest and change of scene, return to London and resume his professional labours at his little house in King William-street, where he will probably revive some of his most popular plays, notably "Uncle Dick's Darling," "Dearer than Life," and "Dot," prior to the production of a new piece.

THE "VIC," or the Royal Victoria Hall, in the New-cut, sustains its reputation as a good and cheap variety-show. The music is very attractive. Note the concert programmes for the musical Thursdays in March. March 7, selections from the opera of the "Rose of Castille"; March 14, Ballad Concert; March 21, selections from the "Lily of Killarney"; March 28, Ballad Concert, at which Madame Antoinette Stirling will sing.

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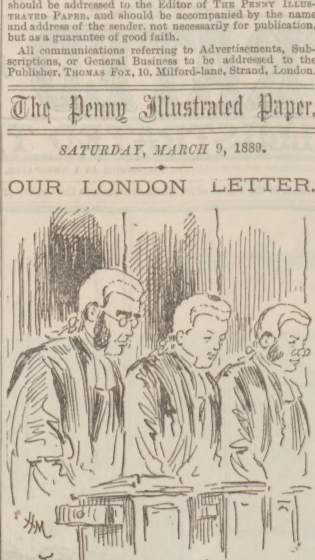
OUR LONDON LETTER.



THE COMMISSIONERS DOING DAILY PENANCE.

As Commissioners appointed to inquire into the *Times'* grave allegations against Mr. Parnell and his associates—of being accessories to the Phœnix Park murders, and to numerous agrarian outrages—Sir James Hannen, Mr. Justice Day, and Mr. Justice A. L. Smith with patient resignation resumed on Tuesday the prolonged investigations of which they and the public are heartily sick and tired. The learned Commissioners are sketched in the order in which they sit—Sir James Hannen, the model President, in the centre; Mr. Justice Day to his right; and Mr. Justice A. L. Smith to his left. They were drawn in our Artist's sketch-book as they made their customary obeisance upon entrance, in gracious acknowledgment of the deference paid them by all in court (save a few swell ladies of extraordinary complacency) rising to their feet. Their Lordships fully merit this courteous tribute. The impartial President's conduct of this important State inquiry has been unexceptional. When, suffering from a painful ailment that might have driven Job crazy, Sir Charles Russell has now and again been a little testy, Sir James Hannen has never been driven from the judicial calm which reflects so much honour on him. He has held his own with quiet dignity. With regard to the duration of the inquiry, which has become a serious question, the *Daily Telegraph* and *Standard* accurately represented the prevailing public sentiment when they stated in a couple of old-fashioned leaders, with the stereotyped trio of wordy paragraphs, that the case might well have been closed when Pigott's confession that he had forged "the letters" was disclosed in court. But their Lordships thought otherwise; and the tedious evidence has been resumed. Still, even the forbearance of these estimable Judges must have its limits; and it would not surprise me to find the self-sufficiency of the prolix Attorney-General (who ought never to have accepted a brief in such a political inquiry as this) checked ere long.

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Mr. Parnell, on his part, has been studiously moderate since the confession of the Suicide Pigott has removed the stigma cast upon him in the opinion of many by the publication in the *Times'* "Parnellism and Crime" articles of the forged letters. From the first I thought these precious epistles were the base fabrications they are now proved to be, for their style is utterly dissimilar to that likely to be used by Mr. Parnell, who is undeniably a gentleman by birth and education and demeanour. I formed this opinion before Mr. Parnell explicitly declared the letters to be forgeries in the House of Commons. Worn to a shadow, this long-suffering Leader of the Irish Home Rule Party received from the Liberal members of the House of Commons on Friday se'nnight an almost unprecedented tribute of sympathy when he rose to make the remarkably moderate, dignified speech which brought the day for Home Rule nearer. The sight of Mr. Gladstone and all his followers on their feet, shouting and waving their hands in unison with the enthusiastic Irish members, and cheering Mr. Parnell till the roof rang with lusty applause, was a spectacle to be remembered for a lifetime. The wonderfully energetic speech of Mr. Gladstone the same evening completely demonstrated the veteran Liberal Leader's thorough restoration to health and vigour. Long live Gladstone!

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Alas! poor Du Val! Many Londoners who knew Charles Du Val not only as an exceedingly diverting and versatile entertainer of the Maccabe and Woodin type, but also as a genial and kind-hearted companion, will join me in an expression of sincere regret at his melancholy death. He was one of the most indefatigable of men, popular with all who had the privilege of his friendship. His chatty book, "With a Show in South Africa," comprising a vivid account of the Boer siege of Pretoria, should be read by all who are interested in the fertile lands now found to be rich with gold as well as diamond deposits. A seasonable continuation to that readable work will be found in the letters descriptive of his recent tour in South Africa, illustrated by Mr. Arthur Frederics, and published by a syndicate of English newspapers. Mr. Du Val was accompanied by his wife and by his friend, Mr. Carter. He must have endured a lot of hard travelling of late, I judge from one of the sketches he sent home to Mr. Frederics. At any rate, while suffering from the effects of sunstroke, he is said to have rushed from his cabin on board the P. and O. ship Oceana, and jumped overboard! A sad, sad end for this accomplished public favourite!

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The dinner at the well-managed Holborn Restaurant in honour of Mr. Isaac Pitman was a richly deserved tribute to the inventor of that system of shorthand, which may have encouraged public speakers to prolong their utterances inordinately, but which has certainly been of great value to our commercial giants who dictate their large correspondence to Pitman clerks.

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The good understanding growing up between Russia and England is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. A pleasing instance of this cordiality was forthcoming at the prize-giving of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, one of our smartest regiments of riflemen, last Saturday. To his credit, be it said, Colonel Howard Vincent, M.P., originated the friendly demonstration by paying an apt compliment to the Russian military *attaché*, General Boutourline, who was warmly cheered by the Volunteers, and who made a very happy speech in reply. The uncovering of all present when the band struck up the National Anthem was another auspicious event. Bravo, Howard Vincent!

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All Naturalists who have derived instruction and literary entertainment from the Rev. J. G. Woods' cheap books on Natural History will regret to learn that this gentleman died from pneumonia at Coventry, last Sunday. The Rev. J. G. Wood edited for Messrs. Routledge their admirable *Boy's Own Magazine*; and I believe this eminent firm published his comprehensive illustrated work, "Wood's Natural History," and his charmingly-written "Common Objects of the Seashore," "Common Objects of the Country," and kindred books, on which there will doubtless be a fresh run.

A story to read! Novel-readers who have been bored by the utterly dull and vapid serials running in the majority of our periodicals will find relief in the most powerful and engrossing romance I have had the good fortune to read for many a long day. I can confidently recommend every railway traveller or fireside reader to buy the latest shilling volume in Vizetelly's series of rightly-named "Capital Stories"—"For Jacques' Sake," an English version of M. Jules Claretie's powerful story of Paris life, which, once begun, *must* be read at a sitting, so enthralling are the tragic and moving incidents of poor Noël Rambert's martyrdom. "For Jacques' Sake" merits a sale to the full as large as "Mr. Barnes of New York."

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A hearty welcome to the American baseball teams, which are to play at the Oval next Tuesday.

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London Society's lost "lion," "Buffalo Bill," has been shining in Washington. I note that the Hon. William Cody was chief marshal at General Harrison's inaugural ball on Monday night—something like a ball, inasmuch as there was an acre of dancing room, but yet not enough space for the 13,000 the London *New York Herald* computed to have been present.

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The hopes of the Gladstonians and Parnellites are in the ascendant. On the night of the first great division (when the Government majority was reduced to 79, notwithstanding "Bomba Balfour's" incarceration of a cluster of Irish M.P.'s), Mr. Gladstone comported himself as if he felt victory wellnigh within his grasp; and Mr. Arnold Morley, his chief "whip," could not restrain his feeling of confidence. As Mr. Asquith (Mr. Gladstone's next Solicitor-General) truly said in his strong speech, Balfour's "coercion" does but help the Home Rule cause. We had proof of this at the Govan election. And now the Liberals of Kennington, plunged into an election through the resignation of Indi-Gent Davis, are hopeful to return Mr. Mark Beaufoy by a majority over the free-and-easy son of the late Mr. Beresford-Hope. Beaufoy is certainly a name to place faith in. May the better man win.

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

THE QUEEN'S DEPARTURE.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN received visits at Windsor Castle from Lord Salisbury, Mr. W. H. Smith, and the Duke of Cambridge prior to her departure for Biarritz. Travelling as the Countess of Balmoral and accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and attended by a limited suite, the Queen on Tuesday afternoon left Windsor by a special train at four o'clock for Portsmouth, to embark on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which steamed away on the morrow for Cherbourg, whence the Queen arranged to proceed by special train to Biarritz, reaching there on Thursday. Her Majesty will return to Windsor the first week in April.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES with Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud were present last Sunday at Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalen, Sandringham.

The Prince of Wales on Monday was present at the second Battle of Flowers at Nice, and took an energetic part in the proceedings. His Royal Highness occupied a carriage, and was accompanied by a number of friends from Cannes. A complimentary banner of honour was given to the occupants of the Royal carriage. His Royal Highness went to the Nice Battle of Confetti on Tuesday, and arranged to leave Cannes for Paris on his return to London on Wednesday.

The re-election of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons took place on Wednesday at a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall.

PRINCE ALEXANDER'S MARRIAGE.

THE *Neue Freie Presse* has been informed by someone immediately connected with Prince Alexander of Battenberg that an injunction from the German Emperor forbidding all intercourse between Princess Victoria of Prussia and Prince Alexander was communicated to the Prince on June 21 last. His betrothal to Mdlle. Loisinger (the operatic singer who won his heart) took place six months afterwards, at the end of December.

MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND.

THE *New York Herald* prints the following telegram from Dunedin, Florida, under Monday's date:—"George William Granville, Duke of Sutherland, and Mary Caroline Blair were quietly, but publicly, married in the church of the Good Shepherd here today at eleven o'clock by Bishop Weed. The Duchess said there would be no wedding tour and no festivities beyond a quiet lunch to friends at the Duke's home, Sutherland Manor."

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The Playgoer.

MR. WILSON BARRETT must be in robust health. He is performing with characteristic zest and earnestness a herculean task. He has returned to his old home at the Princess's (where Mr. G. R. Sims's luminous and excellent drama of "The Lights o' London" first helped him up the ladder of fortune) to sustain the chief burdens daily in two new plays. Reminiscent of the "Vic." though the Hall Caine - and - Barrett piece of "The Good Old Times" may be to many, it draws of an evening, mainly, it must be confessed, owing to the dashing acting of Mr. Wilson Barrett as Wilson Barrett—I beg pardon: as a Cumberland squire transported for a crime which his wife committed, but of which he in a spirit of self-martyrdom accuses himself. Every afternoon he goes into training for this nightly performance by appearing as the blunt Yorkshire hero of his own new four-act drama, "Now-a-Days"—a new turf piece in which he acts very well in conjunction with the fair and clever lessee of the Princess's, Miss Grace Hawthorne, to whom is given the touching part of the heroine. "Now-a-Days" is undoubtedly an extremely interesting play, and one that will prove attractive in town and country. It smacks, like the Old Drury "Run of Luck," very much of one of Captain Hawley Smart's rattling racing novels; and I have little doubt the playwright (it would hardly be accurate to say author) derived plot and characters from this source. Be that as it may, "Now-a-Days" is so deftly constructed as to be certain of a remunerative run. Mr. Wilson Barrett shines as plain John Saxton, who, with his broad Yorkshire dialect, is a strong personality. "Brother George," by far the greater artist of the two, hits off to the life the smart Turf "Bookmaker," who befriends young Saxton when his father sends him from home for an act of generosity, and who is himself cut to the quick by the runaway match of his daughter (Miss Grace Hawthorne enacts this part with charming sympathy) with the scoundrelly "baronite" (Mr. Cooper Cliffe). The kidnapping of the race-horse Thunderbolt is a repetition of the "Run of Luck" episode of the same kind; and the culminating scene, in which Thunderbolt wins the Derby, and all ends happily, might be dramatically and scenically much more effective. Mr. Austin Melford and Mr. Elliott make a capital pair of villains, Melford's Ally-Sloperish make-up being very funny. Mr. Lewis Waller as Tom Saxton; Mr. Julian Cross, Mr. H. Hodges as the too-gentlemanly jockey, who covets Tom's sister; a boyish-looking young actor, who capitally enacts the part of an artful stable-lad; and Misses Rose Norreys and Webster all throw themselves well into their impersonations. But, as I began by saying, the marvel is that Mr. Wilson Barrett should be able, morning and evening, to sustain two such laborious parts at the Princess's.

The free and independent members of the Playgoers' Club, whose smart monthly organ, the *Playgoer*, is one of our fairest critics, have now a most convenient club-house at the Albion, facing Old Drury.

"WORSTEDOPOLIS."

MR. HENRY SELL, who by indomitable energy has built up one of the largest advertising agencies in England, sends us a most useful and readable handbook, entitled "Worstedopolis: A Sketch History of the Town and Trade of Bradford." It is written by Mr. William Cudworth; and is illustrated with several sketches. A comprehensive map conveys a good notion of the vast extent of Bradford; and Mr. Cudworth's narrative, evidently a work of care, makes the reader acquainted with the manufacturing skill and the social advantages of this flourishing Yorkshire town. Regarded as the Bradford Historian, Mr. Cudworth was the right man to produce this serviceable book, which is published for one shilling by the Bradford Manufacturing Company.

"THE PROMPTER" is the name of the latest penny stage newspaper. To judge from the first number, the *Prompter* bids fair to be a brightly written and honest review of the theatre and the music-hall, enlivened with *chic* portraits.

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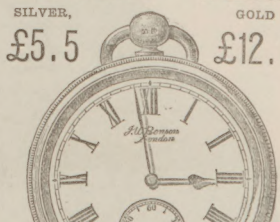

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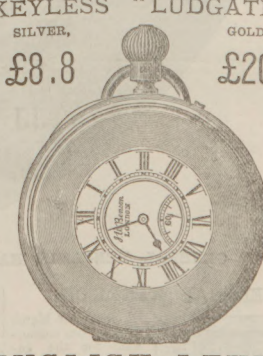

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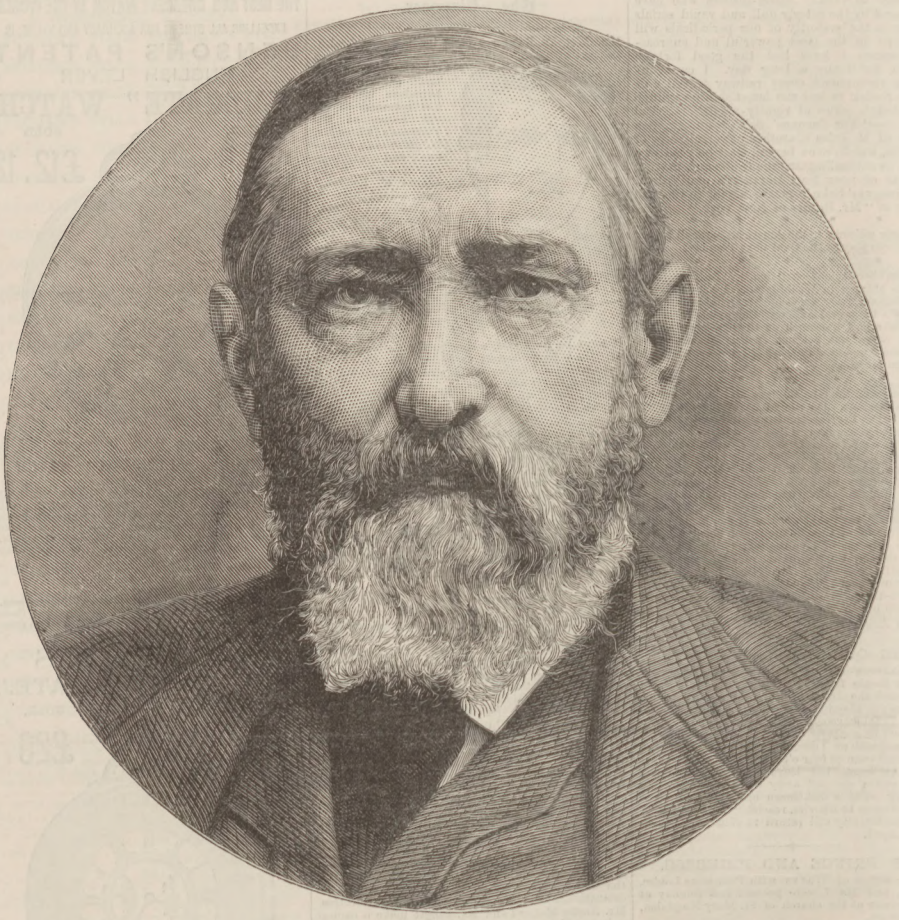


GENERAL BENJAMIN HARRISON, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

GENERAL HARRISON.

THE Fourth of March having been memorable for the inauguration of General Harrison as the new President of the United States, we deem it opportune to add a fresh likeness of the illustrious American General to the Portrait Gallery of THE PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER. It is highly satisfactory that General Harrison begins his term of Presidency at a moment when a fresh link in

THE AMICABLE BONDS

that unite the English-speaking peoples on both sides the Atlantic has been cemented in England. We refer to the establishment of the London *New York Herald*, whose crisp, bright, and genial cablegrams of American news, and friendly and chatty comments on English events, cannot fail to add to the good understanding now existing between the Motherland and the great Republic. Reviving the plan the late Lord Beaconsfield is said to have had "up his sleeve," the London *New York Herald* has sensibly recommended as

A PANACEA FOR IRELAND

the rational system of State Government which makes each of the United States administer its own local affairs on Home Rule lines, leaving it to the Washington Congress to settle Imperial matters. Contenting ourselves here with expressing the opinion that our Irish Difficulty must be settled on these common-sense lines sooner or later, and the sooner the better, we pass to General Benjamin Harrison, the worthy successor of President Cleveland and

MR. JAMES G. BLAINE,
GENERAL HARRISON'S CHIEF SECRETARY-OF-STATE.

of the long line of distinguished American Presidents started by George Washington a Hundred Years ago. General Harrison, it will be remembered, stood as the "Republican" candidate for the Presidency, and easily vanquished President Cleveland, who was willing to be re-elected on the "Democratic" platform. The sprightly London *New York Herald*, in referring to the inauguration of the first President, General George Washington, reminded us of an interesting historical incident:—

"In the group surrounding him there was undoubtedly one Benjamin Harrison, a member of the continental Congress from Virginia, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The son of this Benjamin was to take the same oath as President, eighth in succession from Washington, on the steps of the Capitol in Washington City, on March 4, 1841. His great-grandson and namesake, twenty-second in succession from Washington, will, at noon today, on the same spot, assume the same high responsibility. It is the second occasion when the Presidential office has descended in one family; a curious fact in a country where entail and primogeniture are unknown."

GENERAL HARRISON'S CAREER

redounds to his honour. Benjamin Harrison was born on Aug. 20, 1833, at North Bend, on the Ohio, and was educated at Cary's Academy, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, and at the Miami University at Oxford, after which he studied law at Cincinnati two years. At the age of twenty he had the good fortune to marry Miss Carrie L. Scott, daughter of the Rev. J. W. Scott, of Oxford, Ohio, and has two children. In 1854 Harrison removed to Indianapolis, where he began his work in politics. In 1860 he was elected reporter of the Supreme Court of Indiana. In 1862, when the Union armies had met with reverses in the South, he obtained a Lieutenant's commission,

BIARRITZ, THE BALMY FRENCH WATERING-PLACE VISITED BY THE QUEEN.

WENT INTO CAMP

with Company A of the 70th Indiana Regiment, and in less than thirty days lead to the front a regiment of 1000 fighting-men. During the Atlanta campaign General Harrison took the place of General Butterfield as Brigade Commander. In the fall of 1864 General Harrison was re-elected reporter of the Indiana Supreme Court. In the same year he became a member of a law firm; and was elected Governor of Indiana in 1880. In January, 1881, General Harrison was elected to the United States Senate, and his term of six years as a Senator of the United States established his reputation as a sound statesman and a powerful debater. He is an advocate of Civil Service reform. General Harrison is of soldierly bearing, and has a "record" which amply justifies the great confidence reposed in him by the majority of his fellow-countrymen. Blessed with a good wife, he has a man's best support at the White House. We heartily wish General and Mrs. Harrison may have the best of good health during their term of office, for good health is likely to preserve soundness of judgment.

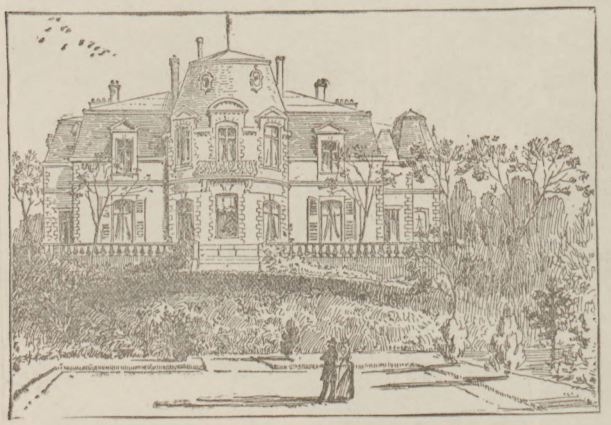
GENERAL HARRISON'S RIGHT-HAND MAN.

Made welcome by the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his last visit to Europe, and right cordially received in England, Mr. James G. Blaine, the new American Secretary of State, has whom had fought under Harrison during the "little unpleasantness" between the North and the South. In his sturdy, outspoken inaugural speech to the thousands assembled in front of the Capitol at Washington, General Harrison noted that this was the beginning of the second century under their Constitution, and he sketched the progress by which the original thirteen States had grown into the thirty-eight of to-day. He looked hopefully to the continuance of the Protectionist system for the development of manufacturing enterprises in States hitherto agricultural, as a potent influence in the unification of the people. He advocated the amendment of the naturalisation laws, so as to obtain guarantees of the good character of the immigrants they admitted. The States had avoided all interference in European affairs; but it was incompatible with their peace and safety that a shorter waterway between the two coasts should be dominated by any European Government. He confidently expected that no such purpose would be entertained by any friendly Power. The other topics alluded to were reform of the Civil Service, the Treasury surplus, an increase of the Navy, and the encouragement of American steam-ship lines.

BALMY BIARRITZ,

THE QUEEN'S HOLIDAY RESORT.

OUR Biarritz Drawing gives the reader a fair idea of the salubrious French seaside resort



THE VILLA LA ROCHEFOUCAULD, THE QUEEN'S RESIDENCE AT BIARRITZ.

probably good reason to abandon the anti-English attitude which he is reported to have assumed on occasion. Chief Secretary now of the great Republic where millions of Britons, driven from our shores by Aristocratic Feudalism and Plutocratic Greed, have found happy and comfortable homes, Mr. Blaine certainly enters office with the best wishes of this country; and we earnestly trust his administrative action with regard to Great Britain will show the kindness evinced towards him in England is reciprocated.

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We are pleased to learn that Mr. Windom, the new Secretary to the Treasury, who had a good record under the late President Garfield, is averse to those insidious financial monopolies which make a few o'er-rich men richer, but tend to impoverish the masses of the people. And, as we shall be especially glad to welcome an eminent American Editor, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, of the *New York Tribune*, as United States Minister to England, so we hope Sir Julian Pauncefote will meet with a hearty reception at Washington as the new British Minister.

GENERAL HARRISON'S ORATION.

The rain on Monday did not damp the ardour of our American brethren, who flocked "in their thousands" to witness the inspiring inauguration of their valiant new President. A heart-quickening feature of the imposing ceremony, cited by the London *New York Herald*, was the gallant guard of honour, formed of 150 veterans of the 70th Indiana Regiment, every man of whither her Majesty has gone in search of sunshine and ozone, taking up her residence with Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg at the pretty villa sketched on this page. Fanned by the salt-sea breezes of the Bay of Biscay, this charming French Watering-Place near the Spanish frontier is

PICTURESQUELY SITUATED.

For our Queen's sake, we rejoice to learn that the weather has turned quite fine, and that Biarritz looks its pleasantest. The climate is delightful. Her Majesty cannot fail to be enchanted with the eye-gladdening view from the Côte des Basques, sweeping over

A SECOND BAY OF NAPLES

to the blue-tinted Spanish mountains. With its amphitheatre of snowy houses scattered over its declivities, with its enlivening bands of music, and facilities for pleasant recreation, and its health-giving Promenade, Biarritz is, in short, a most desirable place to spend a holiday in. Numbers of the opulent drones of Europe, "who toil not, neither do they spin," are flocking to Biarritz; but we trust the curiosity of this gregarious herd will not occasion her Majesty discomfort.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE have tried the effect of wearing HARNESS' ELECTROPATHIC BATTERY BELT for the prevention or cure of disease, and in every case the result has been most satisfactory. All in search of health should wear this, the only bona-fide reliable galvanic belt, recommended by thousands (see testimonials), for the immediate relief and speedy cure of all rheumatic and nervous affections, impaired vitality, liver and kidney diseases, ladies' ailments, &c. Pamphlet and advice free on application to Mr. C. B. Harness, Consulting Medical Electrician, the Medical Battery Company (Limited), 52, Oxford-street, London, W. (corner of Rathbone-place). Note only address.—[ADVT.]

NO MORE DEAF.—Nicholson's Patented Artificial Ear-Drums cure deafness and noises in the head in all stages. 132-page Illustrated Book, with full description, free.—J. H. NICHOLSON, 21, Bedford-square, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

WE called particular attention last week to the important fact that the Government rely upon Parliament to sanction a large increase in our Navy in order to be well prepared for any eventuality. Not that War is considered by the Cabinet to be at all imminent; but because the Great Powers of the Continent are armed to such a threatening extent that, even with pacific intentions, some mischance might suddenly bring about hostilities. Such being the case, England must be "Ready, boys, ready." As our naval Illustration reminds us, we had a

SIGNIFICANT REMINDER

last year what injury might be inflicted on our port by any hostile fleet that might possibly, in time of war, give our inadequate squadrons "the slip." We know that gallant

ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE TRYON,

in his dashing cruise, easily eluded the Blockading Fleet at Bantry Bay; bombarded and captured Greenock first, and Liverpool afterwards—H.M.S. Invincible and H.M.S. Hercules victoriously engaging (as depicted by Mr. J. R. Wells, the clever marine draughtsman) the North Fort that guards the Mersey. The mock surrender of Greenock and Liverpool, and various ports on the East Coast, during those naval manœuvres, afforded practical proof that not only does her Majesty's Navy need to be greatly augmented (as the Government propose, through the First Lord of the Admiralty, to increase it), but also that the fortifications erected to safeguard our chief harbours must be increased and strengthened with the most powerful guns.

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

GENERAL BOULANGER, portrayed to the life in the page Drawing we gave in *The Penny Illustrated Paper* of Feb. 23, is skilfully limned this week as the *World*'s "Celebrity at Home."

Mr. Caton Woodville was at Windsor Castle three times last week, when Princess Beatrice gave him sittings for her portrait. The subject of the picture which he will send to the Academy, if completed in time, is "The Duke of Marlborough at Malplaquet."

The affability with which Prince Albert Victor presided at the eighty-third annual festival, on Saturday evening, must have been eminently satisfactory to the "distressed foreigner." His Royal Highness seemed to thoroughly enjoy M. Waddington's latest news from the Rue Dumont d'Urville, as well as Baron Solvyns's Dutch reminiscences; and the appeal he made for the charity was almost eloquent. Mr. Henry Oppenheim was rewarded for his £1000 list by being presented to the chairman with much solemnity; and when the majority of the guests had taken their departure, the Prince remained in the drawing-room to enjoy the wit and wisdom of Sir Frederick Abel.

Prince Albert Victor became the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson at Tranby Croft at the beginning of the week, in order to attend the reception and ball which his host, as Sheriff of Hull, gave to his fellow-citizens in the Townhall of the borough.

The interest of the *beau monde* at the first appearance of Mrs. Chamberlain at the Queen's Drawingroom was extreme, and she quite justified the expectations formed of her. Without any pretensions to very great beauty, she possesses a singular charm of expression which increases the brightness of her appearance, and gives her a claim to rank among those women who possess an attraction far more rare and remarkable than any which mere beauty alone bestows. Her face is one of great strength, and at the same time gentleness, and her fair hair, of which she has a great quantity, grows well and low over a broad forehead.

Mrs. Chamberlain was beautifully dressed in blue, which excited some discussion among the ladies, white being generally worn at a wedding presentation. But her toilette was very charming, and she was escorted by Mr. Chamberlain, who evidently appreciated the unmistakable admiration she excited,

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and who looked in a much milder and more beaming mood than those who know him well had ever seen him look before.

The announcement of the engagement of the Duke of Portland to Miss Dallas-Yorke is the most interesting social event of the past week. The young lady has been generally recognised during the last two or three seasons as one of the handsomest, tallest, and most graceful figures at the "best" parties and in the parks. She has also been remarked for an exceptional affability, and her winning manners have caused her to be greatly in demand at bazaars and similar functions.

The Duke is the greatest *parti* in England; but, quite apart from that fact, he is one of the best and kindest of men, and makes a good use of his great riches and position.

Brookwood is to be the "New Wimbledon," after all. There is great rejoicing among the "military element" in the Volunteer Force, which has all along been in favour of the Hampshire site by reason of its proximity to Aldershott.

Society is evidently inclined to look with a friendly eye on General William Feilding's "Ladies' Dwelling" scheme, for even the Duchess of Westminster forsook for an hour the preparations for the Canine Carnival at Grosvenor House to see Lady Cadogan lay the foundation-stone of the new building in Sloane-street.

The Chapel Royal at St. James's was on Sunday morning almost as full as in the season. Lady Dudley, who has now left off her mourning, brought her handsome daughter; Lord Jersey looked all the better for his trip to India; Lord Lathom occupied the Lord Chamberlain's pew.

At Biarritz everyone dances; age makes no difference. The girl of eighteen and the grandmother of sixty share partners—not that there are many to share, for men are sadly in the minority at Biarritz balls. The grandfathers dance as well as the grandmothers in this invigorating climate.

Probably since the days of the South Sea Bubble the City has witnessed no such scene as that presented in St. Swithin's-lane on the morning of Wednesday last, in the frantic rush to lodge applications for shares in the Burmah ruby mines.

A splendid present has been made to the Garrick Club by Mr. Henry Irving of the celebrated painting by George Clint, R.A., which was first exhibited in 1820, of Keen as Sir Giles Overreach in the last scene of Massinger's play, "A New Way to Pay Old Debts," the other characters represented being also portraits of distinguished actors of the time.

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

I am told that the Queen was very angry when she heard that a steam tramway is laid along the road from which the grounds of the Villa la Rochefoucauld at Biarritz are entered. This "improvement" will be a serious annoyance, for her Majesty cannot drive out of her gates without crossing the tramway.

This tramway, which runs to Bayonne, and for which there is no necessity whatever, has caused several carriage accidents, and the engine frightens horses and creates "scenes" every day, so it will be advisable to time her Majesty's afternoon drives so as to avoid meeting it.

The Queen has decided to curtail her stay at Biarritz, and she will now remain there for only four weeks. Her Majesty is to return to Windsor not later than Saturday, April 6, and, after staying at the castle for ten days, she will go to Osborne for Easter.

One result of this change of plan will be that the second Drawingroom, which was to have been held by the Princess of Wales about the middle of next month, will be held by the Queen herself early in April, probably on Wednesday, the 10th.

Lady Churchill, who attended the Queen at Florence and Berlin last spring, is also to be in waiting during her Majesty's stay at Biarritz.

The Dean of Windsor is to be at Biarritz during the greater part of the Queen's stay there, and he will officiate as her Majesty's chaplain while she is abroad.

During the absence of their parents at Biarritz with the Queen, the two Battenberg children are to remain at Windsor Castle.

The Queen, who is taking great interest in the Windsor show of the Royal Agricultural Society, intends to give facilities to members visiting the show for inspecting her farms.

The Shaw Farm, which adjoins the Home Park, is within a short distance of the castle; it was established by the Prince Consort in 1849, and he erected the model buildings in 1853.

The Flemish Farm is in the Great Park, close to the show-ground. These two farms extend to 1120 acres, of which 760 are pasture and 360 arable. The land is leased from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests.

I am asked to say that a concert will take place on March 8, at 3.30 p.m., at Dudley House, Park-lane, under the patronage of the Princess of Wales and other ladies of the Royal family, in aid of the House of Shelter in Commercial-road. Tickets are to be obtained at the libraries.

The Channel Squadron is to cruise in the Mediterranean, off the Spanish and North African coasts, till March 26, when it will leave Gibraltar for Vigo, on the way back to England.

In November last the Professor of Hygiene at Netley gave a lecture at Aldershott on the food of the soldiers, and arrived at the conclusion that the daily ration at home should be somewhat as follows:—

1. Cup of coffee and biscuit on first rising.
2. Breakfast—Coffee, milk, bread, and 2 oz. of bacon.
3. Dinner—Meat, ½ lb.; potatoes, 1 lb.; bread about ½ lb.
4. Tea—Bread, about ½ lb.
5. Supper at about 8 or 9 p.m.—Bowl of soup; cheese, 2 oz.; bread, about ½ lb.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS!—"A new invention is brought before the public, and commands success. A score of abominable imitations are immediately introduced by the unscrupulous, who, in copying the original closely enough to deceive the public, and yet not so exactly as to infringe upon legal rights, exercise an ingenuity that, employed in an original channel, could not fail to secure reputation and profit."—Adams. Caution.—Examine each Bottle, and see that the Capsule is marked ENO'S "FRUIT SALT." Without it you have been imposed on by worthless imitations. Sold by all Chemists. Prepared only at ENO'S "Fruit Salt" Works, London, S.E., by J. C. ENO'S patent.—[ADVT.]

HOMES can unquestionably be made most attractive by tasteful decoration. How pleasing to the eye a judicious disposition of blue china, radiant Japanese curtains, and black and gold screens can be made is shown to perfection by Mr. F. B. Goodyer in his lustrous emporium of rare Eastern embroideries and curios at 155, New Bond-street.

A JOVIAL "SMOKER," as a Smoking-Concert is called "for short," came off recently at the Sergeants' Mess of the Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, headquarters of the Royal Marine Artillery. On the festive occasion, a worthy representative of Mr. Gilbert Dalziel, smart and clever editor of *Ally Sloper's Half Holiday*, presented to the mess on behalf of the irresistible "Ally," Mr. W. B. Wollen's dashing painting of how Captain (now Lord) Wolseley won the V.C. during the Indian Mutiny—at the storming of the Motee Mahál, Lucknow. The appropriate painting for the Sergeants' Mess was won by the gallant Sergeants in the *Ally Sloper* draw.

MR. JOHN CORBE has bought the country rights of Mr. Wilson Barrett's drama, "Now-a-days," which should do well on tour.

TO STUDENTS.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend CADBURY'S COCOA; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

MANCHESTER CAB TRAGEDY.

MANCHESTER was excited, and with reason, by two events which happened on Tuesday se'nnight. Just after the performances of Mexican Joe's New Wild West Show were over at the Royal Circus in Chepstow-street, a fire broke out, and destroyed that inflammable building. The same evening Mr. John Fletcher, paper manufacturer, resident at Southport, was found in a cab in the Stretford-road in a dying condition. At the infirmary not a farthing of money was found on the deceased gentleman, and his watch and chain were missing. The missing companion of the deceased met him at the Mitre Hotel, and entered the cab with him.

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The mystery surrounding the death of Mr. Fletcher was on Monday dispelled. The analysis of the contents of the stomach shows that chloral had been administered to Mr. Fletcher shortly before his death, and the presumption is that the drug was given him by the young man who was his companion on the evening in question. Death was due to syncope, for which there was nothing in the heart's appearance after death to account; but, assuming chloral to have been found in the body, the medical witnesses were of opinion that that would account for the failure of the heart's action.

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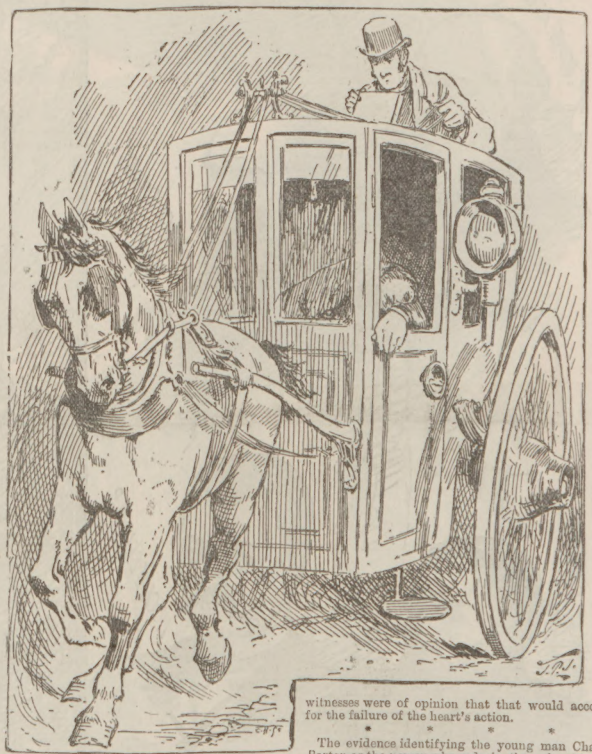
The evidence identifying the young man Charles Parton as the person who rode in the cab with Mr. Fletcher was laid before the Manchester City Coroner last Monday. Parton was also taken before the Magistrates, who were informed by Mr. Caminada that evidence would be adduced to show that on Monday last week the prisoner stole a bottle of chloral from a Liverpool chemist, and that in December last he administered a drug to another man and then stole from him a silver watch and some money. The coroner's jury on Tuesday returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against Charles Parton.

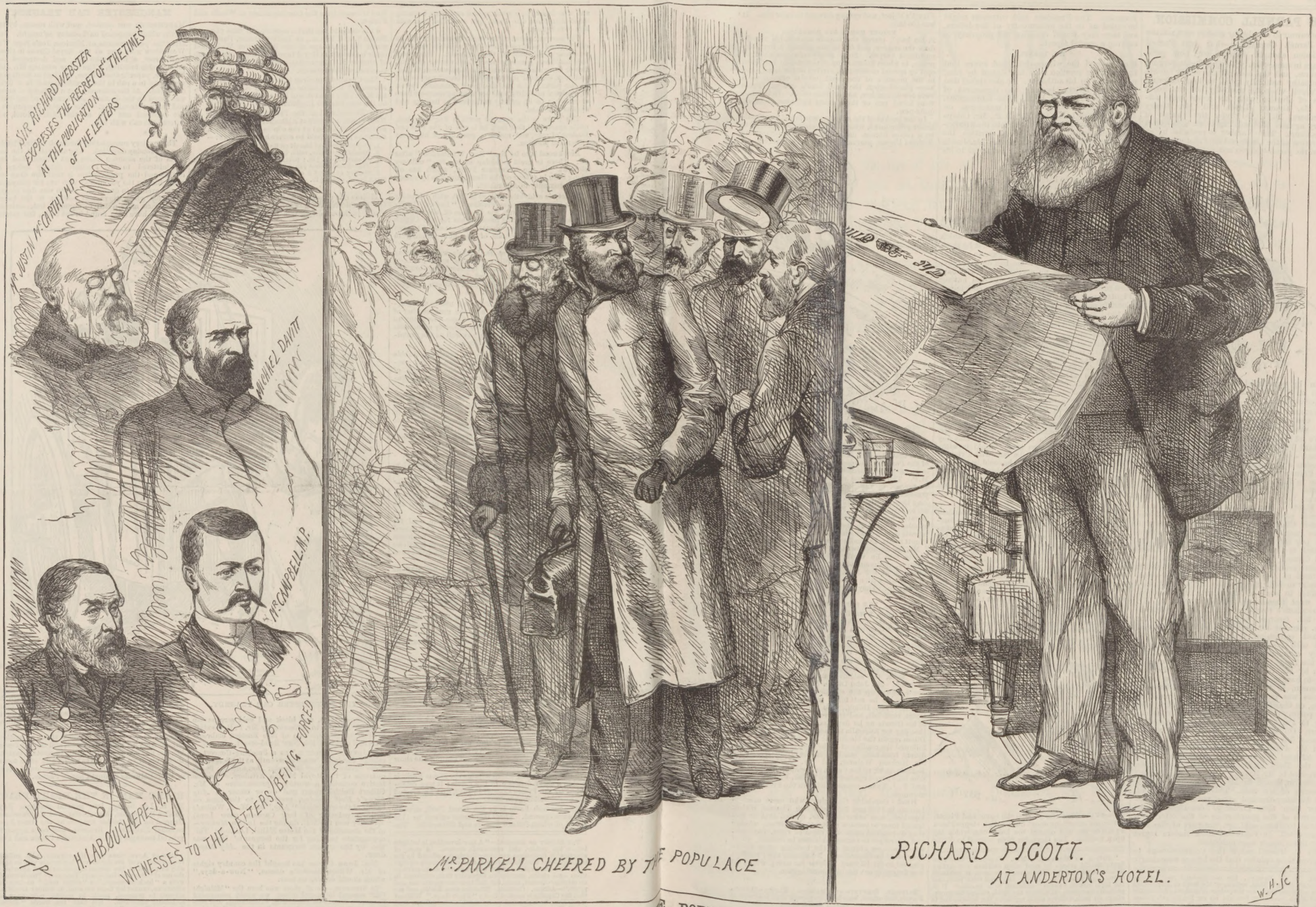


THE MANCHESTER CAB TRAGEDY.

RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Mr. S. Lee Bapty, late general manager Royal Jubilee Exhibition, Manchester, and Commissioner-General for the British Empire at the Great International Exhibition, Brussels, has been appointed general manager of the Alexandra Palace and Park.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES." People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious pulmonary and asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government stamp around each box.—Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per Box.—[ADVT.]



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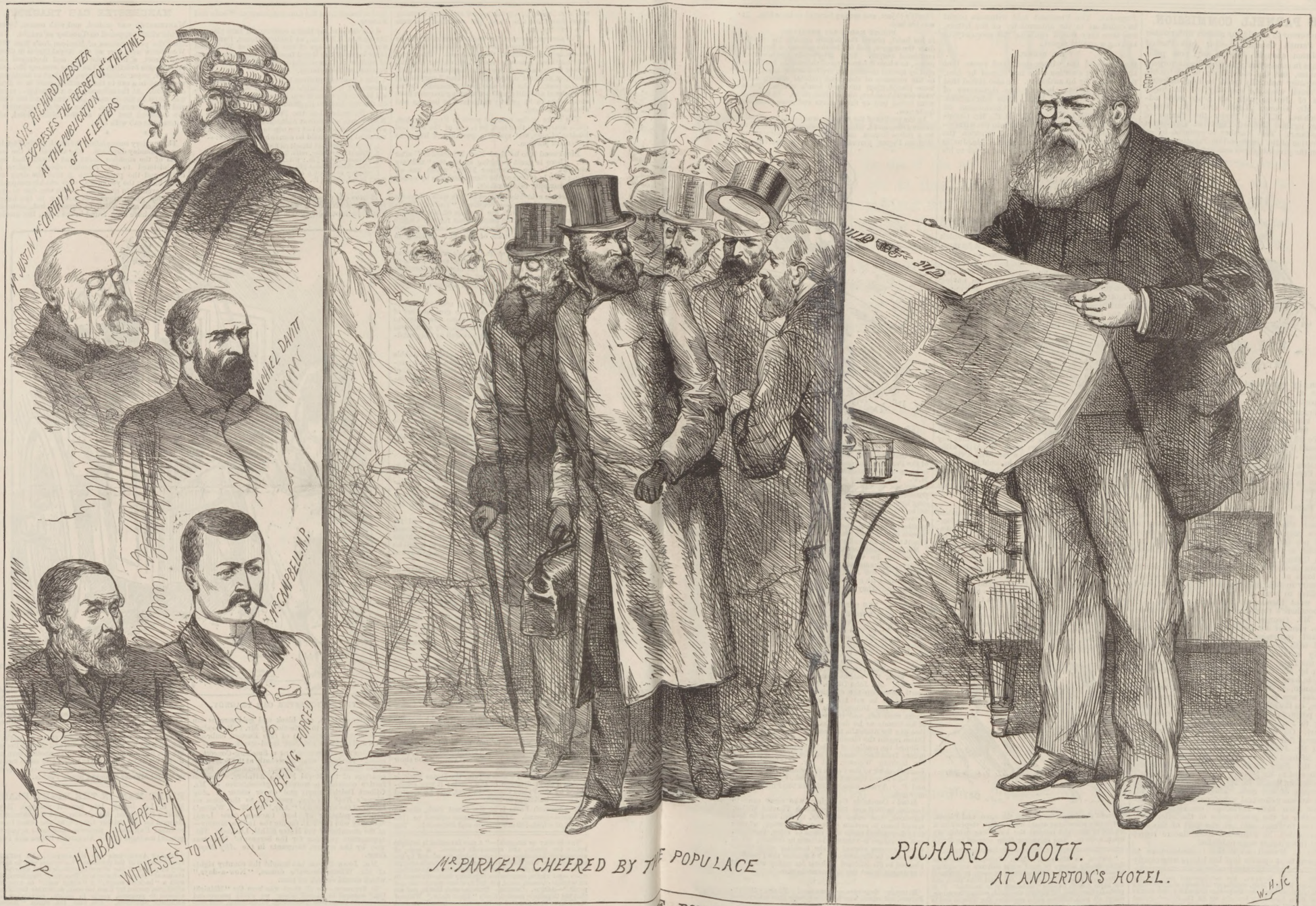

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THE PARNELL COMMISSION.

WE endeavour to supply our readers with not too much Parnell Commission—but just Parnell Commission enough. Thus, we now print drawings in connection with the Pigott forgery disclosures, and the exceedingly hearty tribute of sympathy naturally paid to long-suffering Mr. Parnell when he manfully left the Royal Courts of Justice with his acute legal adviser Mr. George Lewis and Mr. Henry Labouchere, M.P., to prefer the charge of perjury against Richard Pigott at Bow-street Police-Court. This Number is prefaced by an Illustration of the tragic end of Pigott; and we add on the present page a series of fresh Sketches

taken by our Artist in Sir James Hannen's court on Tuesday last. Let us refer to the subjects seriatim.

PIGOTT'S CONFESSION TO MR. LABOUCHERE; AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S EXPRESSION OF REGRET ON BEHALF OF "THE TIMES."

We told in our previous Number the story of Richard Pigott's testimony under oath in the witness-box that he had procured for Mr. Houston and the *Times* the alleged letters of Mr. Parnell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Davitt, and Mr. Egan in Paris; and likewise showed how Sir Charles Russell completely shook this base witness in cross-examination, and by means of Pigott's own handwriting in court went a great way towards proving that Pigott was himself the forger of the Parnell letters the *Times* people were credulous enough to accept and pay for as genuine, and rash enough to publish in the *Times*, and in the "Parnellism and Crime" pamphlet, which is at last withdrawn from publication. Pigott resided whilst in town at Anderton's Hotel, the Fleet-street hostelry so well managed by Mr. Clemow, and familiar to hosts of Freemasons and Clubmen. He went thence on Saturday week to Mr. Labouchere's town-house, and, in the presence of Mr. George Augustus Sala, gave the hon. member for Northampton a written and signed confession that he, Richard Pigott, had with his own hands forged the apparently criminatory letters bought by Houston for the *Times*. This confession was returned to him by Mr. Geo. Lewis. He appears the next day to have made a qualifying confession to Mr. Shannon, to the effect that the first batch of letters was genuine, but not the second. He then, on the afternoon of Monday week, evaded the perjury action begun against him by hastening to Paris. What followed was related in court. On Wednesday, Feb. 27, the Commissioners (Sir James Hannen, Mr. Justice Day, and Mr. Justice A. L. Smith) were handed by Sir Richard Webster, the unfortunate Counsel for the *Times*, an unopened letter from Paris, addressed to Mr. Soames. It contained Pigott's confession, made to Mr. Labouchere, in the presence of Mr. Sala. This having been read, the Attorney-General asked permission to withdraw from their Lordships' consideration the question of the genuineness of the letters submitted to them, and, on the part of those he represented, he expressed their sincere regret that those letters were published.

Sir C. Russell asked the Commissioners to express their opinion that the letters were clearly forgeries. The President said witnesses might be called as to the authenticity of the letters, and then they would consider the propriety of making a special report.

MR. PARNELL

then entered the witness-box, and swore that the letters in question were not signed by him, nor written by his authority. He also stated that the other letters, bearing the signatures of Davitt, O'Kelly, and Egan, were fabrications. On the reassembling of the Commission on Friday, March 1, Mr. O'Kelly, M.P., Mr. Campbell, M.P., and Mr. Davitt went into the witness-box and denied that they had written the notorious letters attributed to them. Mr. Justin M'Carthy, M.P., stated that he had never to his knowledge seen Pigott.

MR. GEORGE LEWIS

gave evidence as to his interview last year at Mr. Labouchere's house with Pigott. He accused him of forgery, and Pigott admitted his guilt.

MR. LABOUCHERE

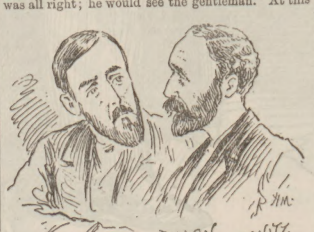
denied that he offered Pigott £1000 to swear that the letters were forgeries. Pigott asked him if he would give £1000 for certain documents which could be produced, and he replied that he must first see the documents. He also gave an account of the confession interview he had on Saturday, Feb. 23, with Pigott, an account which Mr. Sala afterwards corroborated. Mr. Soames having been recalled and questioned as to the statements Pigott made to him, Sir C. Russell again asked the Court to make an interim report as to the forgery of the letters, and the President promised that the matter should be considered.

HOW PIGOTT "GAVE HIMSELF AWAY."

The hint as to Pigott's presence in Madrid, it seems, came from London, and was the outcome of a telegram which the wretched man had himself foolishly directed to Mr. J. Shannon, the Irish solicitor who has been engaged in the *Times* case, at the office of Mr. Soames, the *Times* solicitor, at 58, Lincoln's-inn-fields. This message ran:—"*Please ask Mr. S. to send me what you promised, and write to Roland Ponsonby, Hotel Embajadores, Madrid.*" Upon the receipt of this telegram, Mr. Soames immediately communicated with Detective-Inspector Littlechild, who directed that a letter which Mr. Shannon had written, in which he denied that any promise of money had been made, should be withheld and that a letter should be sent with a view of detaining Pigott in Madrid until he could be arrested, which was done. The British Embassy in Madrid were then notified, and the Spanish authorities being subsequently informed, the futile attempt to arrest Pigott quickly followed.

THE FORGER'S SUICIDE.

We learnt from a Central News Correspondent that Pigott arrived at Madrid from Paris on the forenoon of Thursday week; put up at the Hôtel Embajadores, and went out with an interpreter to see the sights of Madrid. The end came on the Friday afternoon, March 1. At half-past four police-officers arrived at the hotel, and, after questioning the interpreter, satisfied themselves that Pigott was the man they wanted. Mr. Roland Ponsonby, alias Pigott, was in his bed-room on the first floor, and thither the scared interpreter and the police officer in charge proceeded. The interpreter tapped at the door, and was told to come in. He entered the room and told Pigott that a police inspector wanted to speak to him. Pigott turned deadly pale, and for a moment seemed to lose his nerve completely; but he soon pulled himself together, and calmly told the interpreter that it was all right; he would see the gentleman. At this



moment the inspector entered the room, and Pigott, muttering something about his luggage, stepped back a pace or two and opened the hand-bag, which lay upon a chair. The inspector then seemed to divine Pigott's object, and sprang forward to seize him. It was too late.

PIGOTT HAD A BIG REVOLVER

in his hand, placed the muzzle against his mouth, drew the trigger, and fell to the ground a horribly-mutilated corpse. Soon afterwards the chief of police, to whom information of the suicide had been sent by special messengers, arrived at the hotel, and in the presence of the usual judicial officials seals were placed upon the dead man's effects. These were few in number, and of little value. In the bag were found two or three shirts and some socks, all quite new.

In the pocket of the overcoat was found an official-looking document, which on investigation proved to be a police license, dated Dublin, and authorising Richard Pigott, journalist, to carry a revolver. A

letter found in the handbag furnished the additional proof that the dead man was the notorious Pigott of the Parnell Commission. The letter was enclosed in an envelope addressed to Mr. Henry Labouchere, M.P. The envelope was closely sealed, and ready to be put in the post. It was, of course, taken possession of by the judicial authorities, who for a long time positively refused to give any information as to its contents. Persistence, however, had its reward; and I am able to inform you that this epistle, probably the last written by the forger's hand, repeats in substance the confession of guilt made by Pigott to Mr. Labouchere, in the presence of Mr. Sala.

Mr. Labouchere, writing to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, kindly said he would subscribe £50 for Pigott's children, and remarked:—"The two elder sons are, I believe, at the Jesuits' College; the two younger children are with a maid-servant at Pigott's house at Kingstown. They are Catholics, and should remain Catholics."

THE SKETCHES IN COURT

on this page were taken on Tuesday last, when there was the customary large attendance of the fair sex to enliven the scene. As the public learnt from Mr. Barnes's lucid summary in the *Evening Standard*, or from the animated and sparkling report by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in the popular *Star*, the proceedings were not of an exciting nature on Tuesday, the fifty-ninth day. Such as they were, the salient features are hit off in our Sketches. Mr. John Dillon, M.P., whose coal-black beard showed up the extreme pallor of his face, is sketched as he sat for a time next Mr. Michael Davitt. Mr. Dillon, with the permission of the Court, soon left, and received the Godspeed wishes of his friends as he departed, being booked to sail that day for Australia in quest of health. May Mr. Dillon regain the blessing he is in search of! Then followed the reading of stale speeches, Davitt's and others, from back numbers of the *Irish World*, by Sir Richard Webster and Mr. Atkinson. Mr. Fottrell, clerk to the Crown in Ireland, produced the true bills found against John Walsh, P. J. Sheridan, and P. J. Tynan for complicity in the Phœnix Park murders.

Head-Constable Gallagher, who came over to London in 1880 and 1881 to watch Thomas Walsh, Lovelock, and other suspects, related that he had traced them to certain stores at Homerton, whence they dispatched casks and cases of rifles, bayonets, and cartridges to various addresses in Ireland, all of which witness opened at the booking office before they could be dispatched. No wonder the President pleaded to Sir Richard Webster for mercy whilst he was dragging out the interminable case.

MR. P. J. RUMNEY, the o-ridge-i-nal and genuine "RIDGE'S FOOD" Man, writes:—"My seven children—four girls and three boys—are the picture of health and strength; all of them have been brought up on Dr. Ridge's Patent Cooked Food from three months upwards, and continue to take it daily." Mothers, try it. You will never regret it.—JAN. 7, 1889.—[ADVT.]

"ADVICE TO MOTHERS."—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

RAILWAY SERVANTS.—Signalmen, Engine-Drivers, Porters, and others, who have frequently long intervals of work between meals, should drink CADBURY'S COCOA, a sustaining beverage, agreeable and comforting, during long spells of work. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

POISON IN THE ASHES.

MANY people believe that Nature has somewhere a remedy for every disease. So many and so terrible are the ills of life, and so slight the pleasure we get as time flies past, that such a belief is the least faith we can show in a gracious and allwise Providence. A few remedies—but, alas, how few!—have been found. Others, so far, lie hidden from human inquiry. Occasionally death follows quickly on the heels of the evil—an illustration of the dangerous character of the ailment to be relieved.

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THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Ye know of old I'm a steadfast friend of Pat and Biddy, and of the Emerald Isle, "first Jim of the Say." But, in donning wig and gown (shall we say at £50 a day, with £3000 on the brief, and an occasional "refresher"—the wage that modern martyr, the saintly Sir Richard Webster, demands, ere he can plead for the *Times* newspaper)—in donning wig and gown, I say, I beg my friends to regard me as an independent counsel entoirely. What a day they *have* been having in the Royal Courts of Justice—fit building for our law administrators. Why? Why, because there's much show, and scant court accommodation; much pretension of justice, but little equity, and that little as costly as legal vultures can make it! Look what a colossal sum must have been thrown away upon this precious Pigott Commission, which has lasted over sixty days, and is still dragging its slow length along!

A fine time for the lawyers! It has been *so*. Have ye ever been in the Probate Court during this everlasting inquiry into the romance called "Parnellism and Crime"? It's quite the favourite haunt of Duchesses. Curious as Mother Eve, they puzzle courteous Cunynghame to know how he can seat so many Countesses. The fair creatures play the dickens with the susceptible barristers, who coolly pocket their hundreds, the greater part of them, for simply sitting down to listen to the eloquence of Sir Richard Webster and Sir Charles Russell. It has not been my proud privilege (as I'm told it has been Joey Chamberlain's—name it not in Gath!) to play "Hunt the Slipper" with Duchesses; but I should imagine it must be good fun, to judge from the vivacity of the Duchesses in court. I doff my wig to Sir James Hannen, best of Judges; though his patience has been sorely—

very sorely—tried, his Lordship has throughout shown himself a just Judge—so just that I confidently look forward to reading a fair and impartial report when he comes to make it. I own I haven't much compassion for the learned Counsel, exorbitantly paid for doing very ordinary work—viz., repetition of the lessons the hard-working solicitors, sorry Soames and shrewd George Lewis, have taught them and laboriously prepared for them. I except Sir Charles Russell. Confess that his masterly cross-examination of Le Caron and Pigott entitled him to rank as *the* Leader of the Bar. To me, the centre of attraction whenever he was in court was the devoted Home Rule chief, Charles Stewart Parnell. His ashy white face, his thin, worn cheeks, his frame worn almost to a skeleton by protracted anxiety, involuntarily excited pity, which developed, friends, into enthusiastic sympathy for this foully slandered M.P. when the poor wretch Pigott owned up to having forged with his own hands the libellous letters sold to the *Times*.

Yes; the old proverb's right. It *is* "an ill wind that blows nobody any good." What a ringing, hearty, honest cheer it was that went up for the pallid Parnell, when, Richard Pigott having acknowledged the forgeries, the crowd greeted this greatly maligned Irish Leader! We all love Fairplay. Hence the cheers I was pleased to hear outside the Palace of Justice were heartily re-echoed by the Liberal Commons when Mr. Parnell rose to say a good word for his imprisoned compatriots. The Grand Old Man and every Gladstonian sprang to their feet, and zestfully joined the gallant and vociferous Irish Brigade in cheering Mr. Parnell for his plucky endurance of this foul attempt at moral assassination—as malignant in intent as the Phœnix Park Tragedy itself.

Thrue for yez, as Paddy would say, our Parnellite friends must not halloo till they're quite out of the wood. The Commission is not over yet—worse luck! But when Mr. Parnell, aided earnestly by Mr. George Lewis and Mr. Henry Labouchere, with the bellows of *Truth* blew the Pigott letters to smithereens, and not a little Pigottry with them into the bargain, one black cloud was lifted from the heads of the Irishmen concerned. And when the *Times's* glib mouthpiece at last in open court expressed the sincere regret of his gullible clients at the publication of the letters, who could help thinking we were at length within a measurable distance of a reasonable measure of local self-rule for dear Ould Oireland? That was the thought that came into my head, friends. And, were I counsellor to our good Queen, I would humbly venture to suggest that the Tory and Liberal chiefs who talk so much, and do so little, should be locked up in a room till they decide upon a fair plan for the settlement of the Irish Difficulty. It *can* be done; and now is the time to do it. CODLIN.

Mr. A. N. Hornby, the well-known Lancashire cricketer, intends, it is said, to stand as a candidate for one of the Parliamentary divisions of Cheshire at the next election. He is already a member of the Cheshire County Council.

Sport.

TURF EVENTS.

Neapolis was made favourite in town last Monday for the Lincoln Handicap, 100 to 8 being taken, while 100 to 7 was offered against Wise Man. The only business of any note was that over Warlaby, 33 to 1 and 25 to 1 being taken to win several thousand pounds, and 20 to 1 not being procurable to much money at the close of the day's proceedings. King Milan came in for a little support at 33 to 1. Why Not was in strong demand for the Grand National, 10 to 1 being taken and wanted throughout the day. The Fawn and Et Cætera were fairly steady at 20 to 1 each. El Dorado was inquired after for the Derby at 10 to 1, and Napoleon touched 22 to 1, though not to much money. Quotations:—

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

100 to 8 agst Neapolis (t)
100 to 7 —— Wise Man (t & o)
20 to 1 —— Johnny Morgan (t & o)
20 to 1 —— Warlaby (o; t 25 to 1)
25 to 1 —— King Monmouth (t & o)
33 to 1 —— King Milan (t)
40 to 1 —— Frapotel (t)
40 to 1 —— Tib (t)
50 to 1 —— Thunderstorm (t)

GRAND NATIONAL.

9 to 1 agst Why Not (o; t 10 to 1)
10 to 1 —— Glenthorpe (o)
10 to 1 —— Roquefort (o)
100 to 6 —— Coronet (t & o)
20 to 1 —— The Fawn (t)
20 to 1 —— Frigate (t)
20 to 1 —— Et Cetera (t)
40 to 1 —— Old Joe (t)

THE DERBY.

10 to 1 agst El Dorado (t)
22 to 1 —— Napoleon (t)

THE O. AND C. CREWS

continue to practise for the coming boat-race. The Oxonians brought their athletic meeting to a close on Monday.

AMERICAN SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The sculling-match for the championship of America was rowed last Sunday between W. O'Connor and J. Gaudaur over a three-mile course in San Francisco Bay, and resulted in the victory of the Canadian oarsman over his American competitor.

BILLIARDS.

J. ROBERTS V. W. COOK.

A spot-barred match of 12,000 up, in which Roberts was set to concede 4000 start to Cook, was commenced on Monday at 14, Grafton-street, Bond-street, W., before capital attendances of spectators. The total at the close of play on Monday was:—Roberts, 2001; Cook, 4578.

A spot-barred game of 8000 up level was commenced the same day by W. J. Peall and H. McNeil at the Westminster Aquarium. All day Peall had the best of matters, scoring in the afternoon 687 points to McNeil's 591, and finishing in the evening at 1334, to his opponent's 1010.

J. NORTH V. F. WHITE FOR £400.

The spot-barred match of 10,000 up for £200 aside between J. North and F. White, North giving a start of 2000 points, was brought to a close at the Westminster Aquarium on Saturday. North proved successful by 395 points.

The match between J. Roberts and H. McNeil, in which Roberts conceded 4500 points in 12,000 spot-barred, was brought to a conclusion at Roberts's Rooms in Grafton-street, Old Bond-street, on Saturday. The champion won by no less than 738 points.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

The Newmarket Handicap, for three-year-olds and upwards, was run last Saturday at the Autumn Meeting of the Victoria Racing Club, with the following result:—Mr. M. Jacob's Sedition, 6 yrs., 1; Mr. G. G. Stead's Lochiel, aged, 2; Mr. W. S. Hickenbotham's Carbine, 3 yrs., 3.

CRICKET AT THE CAPE.

The English cricket team concluded a match at Grahamstown, March 2, against a local twenty-two, the visitors winning by an innings and fifty-four runs. Abel contributed the fine score of 126.

CAPTAIN MACHELL

has caused 1000 American trout to be put into the River Eden at Crackenthorp Hall, near Appleby.

THE NEW WIMBLEDON.

Earl Wemyss and the members of the sites committee visited Brookwood, and were engaged for several hours on Saturday planning the arrangements for the new Wimbledon.

GOLF.

OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE.

On Tuesday afternoon the Universities played their annual match over the links on Wimbledon Common. Result: Oxford won by nine holes.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND V. IRELAND.

The second of the English Association international matches was played last Saturday at Everton. Owing to the Cup ties, England had not their strongest side; but it proved of sufficient strength to defeat the Irishmen by six goals to one. England has now won the whole of the eight matches which have been played.

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP.

The weather in London on Saturday was of a very wintry nature; yet about 3000 people went to the Oval to see the final tie for this Cup between the Casuals and Clapton. Clapton won by four goals to two.

TOUR OF THE MAORIS.

On Monday the Maoris journeyed to Oldham, where they were beaten by the club of that name by one goal, three tries, and five minors to one minor.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA.

MISS AGNES HUNTINGTON,

the handsome and shapely young American songstress who has made a hit in the charming comic opera of "Paul Jones" at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, richly merited the floral gifts bestowed upon the comely Paul last Saturday night, the fiftieth successive performance in London of "Paul Jones" by the brilliant Carl Rosa Light Opera Company.

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MRS. CHARLES L. CARSON,

one of our most charming *comédiennes*, was so warmly applauded in the brightly-written sketch of "During the Dance," wherein she lately appeared with Mr. Bassett Roe, that this clever young actress ought speedily to be seen in it again. "During the Dance" is by Mr. Neville Doone (Bullock); and the performance in question took place at St. Andrew's Hall.

MR. JOHN T. SULLIVAN,

one of the admirable actors Mr. Mansfield brought with him from America, sailed for New York last Saturday, bearing with him the best wishes of hosts of English friends.

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